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SUBJ: EC DEMARCHE TO GOU CRITICIZES HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE AND REQUESTS END OF YEAR AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS
1. EMBASSY RECEIVED COPY OF DEMARCHE PRESENTED TO AMBASSADOR ALVARO ALVAREZ, URUGUAYAN FOREIGN OFFICE, BY BELGIAN CHARGE AS SPOKESMAN FOR EC COUNTRIES. TEXT AS FOLLOWS:
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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, I HAVE BEEN REQUESTED AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTRY CURRENTLY ACTING AS PRESIDENT (OF THE EC), TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION A CONCERN WE SHARE REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS IN URUGUAY. ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1976, THE AMBASSADOR OF THE NETHERLANDS MADE A DEMARCHE AND HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH THE INTERIM (ACTING) FOREIGN MINISTER. SINCE THAT TIME, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAVE NOT DISCERNED ANY APPRECIABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT'S TREATMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ENDORSED BY THE UN AND URUGUAY. IN VIEW OF THIS, I HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF THESE NINE COUNTRIES TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING POSITION:

THE GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLIC IN THE NINE MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN

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URUGUAY. IN VIEW OF URUGUAY'S HISTORY OF DEMOCRATIC AND HUMANE GOVERNMENT AND URUGUAY'S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED DECISION TO GRANT AN AMNESTY, THE NINE COUNTRIES APPEAL TO URUGUAY TO GRANT AS BROAD AND GENEROUS AN AMNESTY AS POSSIBLE, WITH FULL RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY TOWARD THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED OR IMPRISONED AS A RESULT OF THEIR FIGHT FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH, POLITICAL CONVICTION AND FREEDOM OF RELIGION. IN LIGHT OF THE UPCOMING CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS, WE EMPHASIZE OUR CONCERN FOR THE WOMEN WHO ARE DETAINED IN PUNTA DE RIELES AND SEPARATED FROM THEIR CHILDREN.

THE NINE GOVERNMENTS WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THEY ARE ACTING IN A SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL TOWARD URUGUAY AND BECAUSE OF THEIR GENERAL PREOCCUPATION WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ALL OVER THE WORLD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT EXPRESSED IN VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

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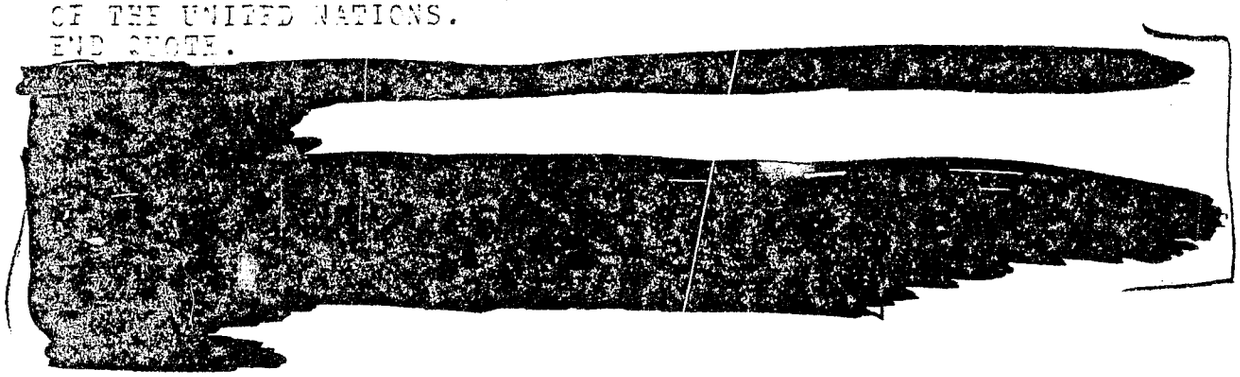

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